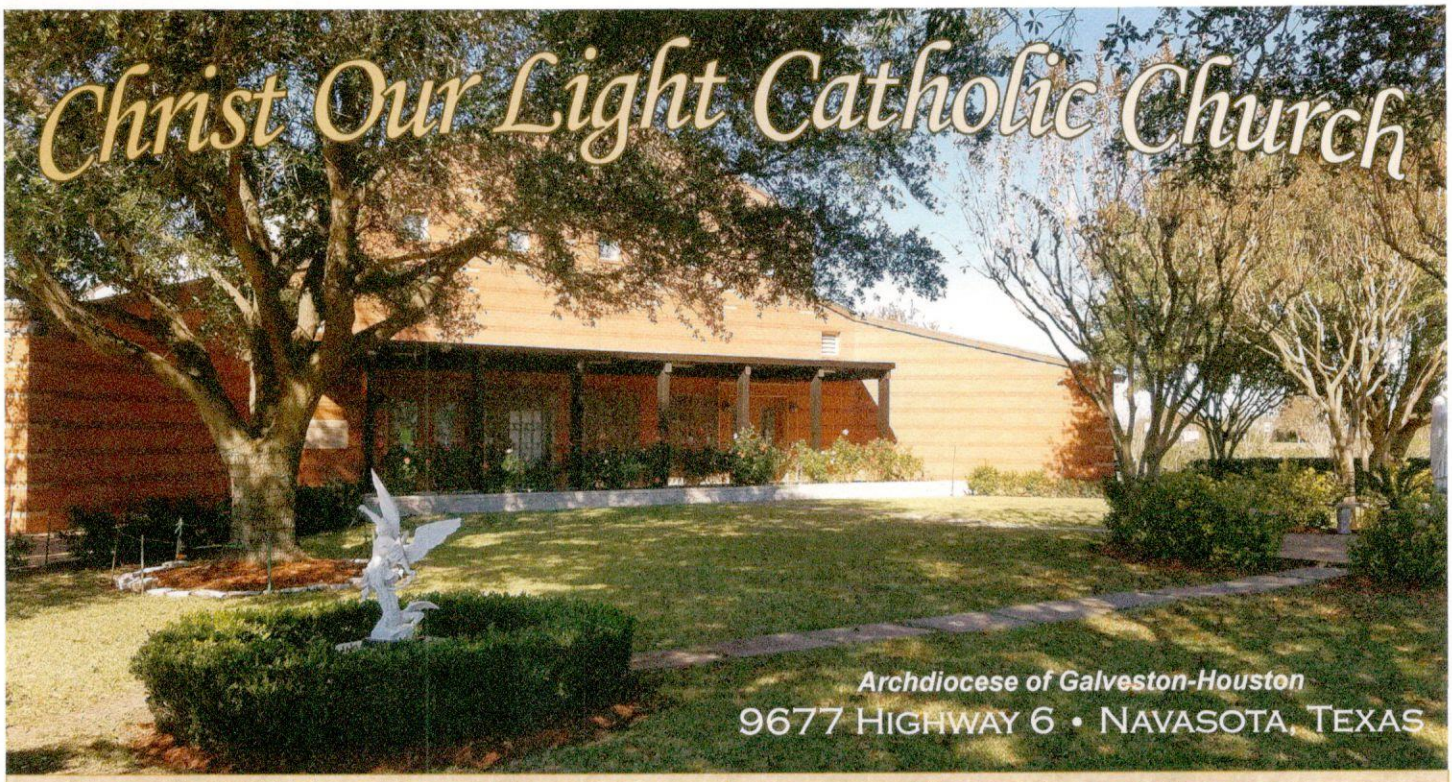

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Friday 9:15am- noon
Other times by appointment

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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: (English) 8:00am
Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

Weekday Eucharist

First Saturday 9am
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am
Tuesday 6:00pm (English)
Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

Rosary prayed in Common

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm
Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am
Saturday: 5:15pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

Reconciliation/Confession

Tuesday, Thursday and
2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm
and by appointment 936-825-3920

Reconciliacion/Confesiones

Los Martes, jueves y el
segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm
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May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

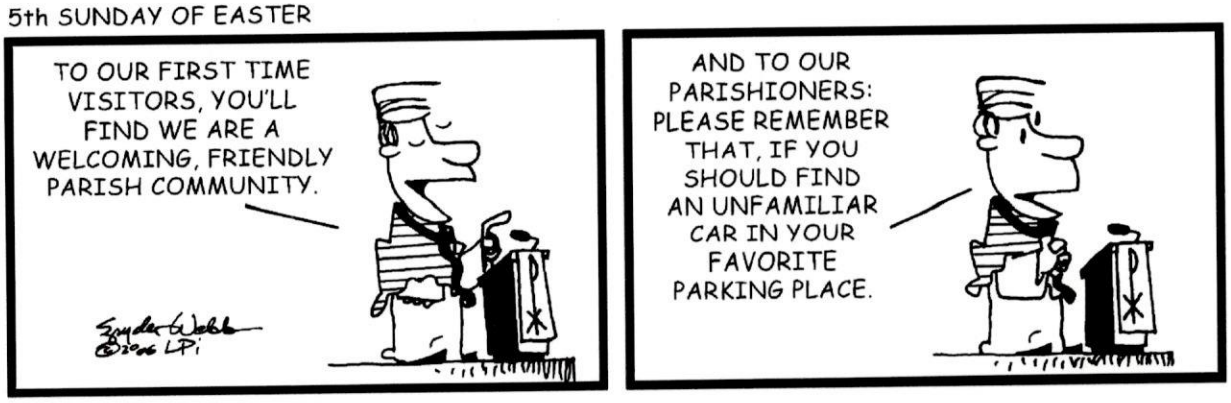
Have you ever thought about what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to experience the Gospels come to life?

Fr. Eli is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall (October 11-21, 2021).

For further information, please contact Fr. Eli at 936-873-2291 or 936-825-3920
lopez.eli68@gmail.com

Early registration is encouraged!

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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GRIMES COUNTY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

(Sponsored by The Grimes County Ministers Fellowship, The Navasota Kiwanis Club & VFW Post 4006)

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – 6pm

at the

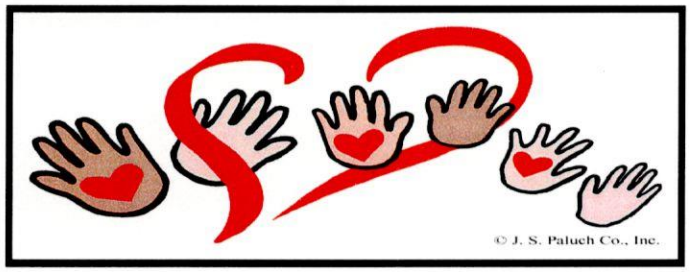
Navasota, VFW Post 4006
1575 W. Washington Ave. – Navasota

Our Nation is in Desperate Need of God's Intervention

Come, Let's Join our hearts together in Prayer.

(A Time of Fellowship and Refreshments will follow.)

For more information, please call (979) 412-1716



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. --1 John 3:18

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

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MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or Special Intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

ParishSOFT Giving

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Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. **Parish Soft** is out parish's online giving program. Enroll at the link the below. It is secure and easy to use. You will be able to use **Parish Soft** for normal tithing and special collections throughout the year. Apps are available, so your cell phones/tablets can be used for online giving.

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CELEBREMOS/LET US CELEBRATE MISSALETTES

Missalette's starting April 11 to July 31, 2021 are available to purchase for $5.00. Do not leave them in Church. Take them home with you, bring with you each weekday or weekend Masses you will be attending. Stop by the parish office at 510 Manley Street.

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5th Sunday of Easter — "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." —1 John 3:18 Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the Talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's too late to start!

"Boletín de Mayordomía—Reflexiones

5to. Domingo de Pascua— *"hijos míos, no debemos limitarnos a amar de palabra, sino que debemos demostrarlo por medio de obras y verdades:. —1 Juan 3:18* Con respecto a nuestra fe Católica, ¿ "practicamos lo que predicamos"? ¿ Sus acciones reflejan lo que significa ser un buen discípulo? ¿Es un participante activo de la Misa del Domingo? ¿Está usted alegre cuando participa en los ministerios de la parroquia? ¿Da con gratitud y generosidad su apoyo financiero a su parroquia y a otras necesidades de la Iglesia? Si no es así, ¡no es demasiado tarde para comenzar!

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Stewardship prayer of the Faithful

May 2, 2021 — That our daily actions reflect our goal of Good discipleship.

Oraciones de corresponsabilidad de los Fieles

2 de mayo de 2021 — Que nuestras acciones diarias reflejen nuestra meta de un buen discipulado.

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal $25,000.00
Gifts Received $8,489.00
33 Donors

Texas Catholic Herald — The Texas Catholic Herald is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese, carrying news, feature stories and columns about local, national and world events to approximately 70,000 subscribers in the 10-county area of the Archdiocese. It is also an instrument of the Archdiocese for informing and educating readers about the teaching of the Church.

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal $208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received $63,729.00
38 Donors

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Altar Server training for new servers will be held on May 8 at 1:00 PM in the Church.

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A Reception will be held on May 1st and 2nd after all the Masses for Matthew Krusleski. Matthew has been here with us training for his Pastoral Year Seminarian. Stop by for refreshments and fellowship after the Masses. We will always keep Matthew in our prayers as he continues his studies and prepares for the priesthood.

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The Navasota Knights of Columbus will have a BBQ Chicken sale for Mother's Day. Chickens will be $10.00 each and available for pick up on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are available from any KC member.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
CHRIST OUR LIGHT
ST. STANISLAUS

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society voted to have their meetings on the First Saturday at St Patrick Hall following First Saturday Mass and the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Parish Hall.

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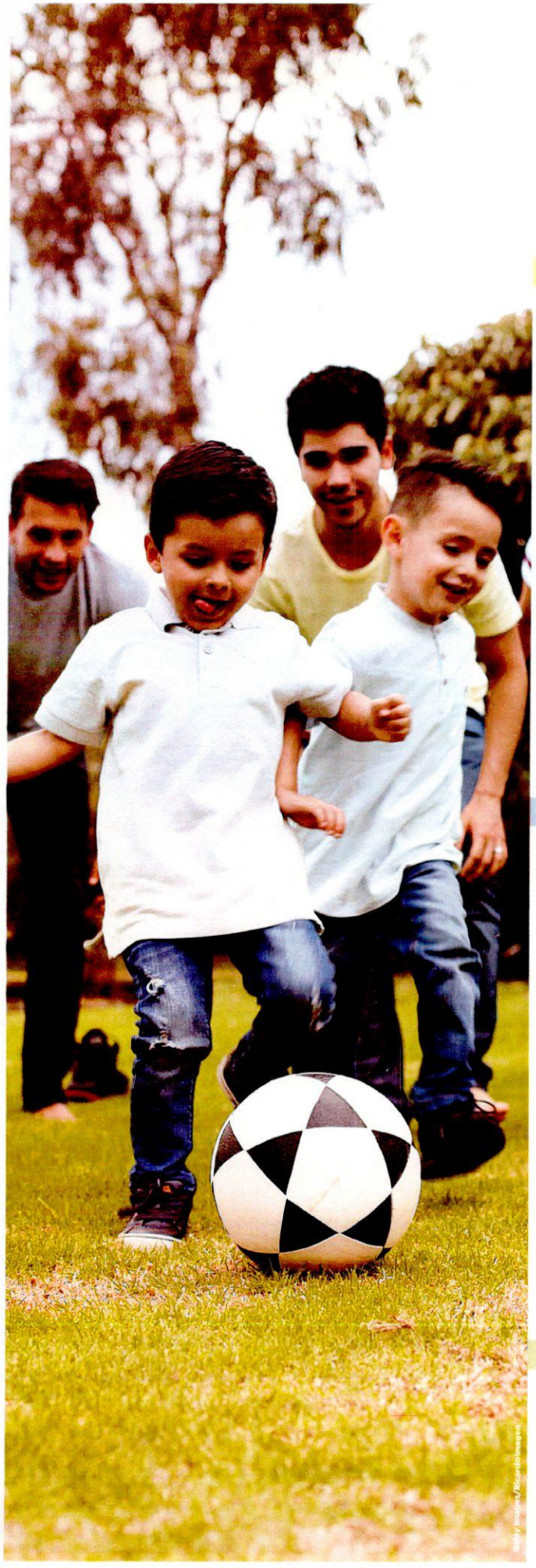
BAZZAR MEETING, MAY 5TH 6:00 PM, SPH



Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches ... without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible in many parts of the United States, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy! Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship.

PRAY Consider spending an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

May 2021

Stewardship

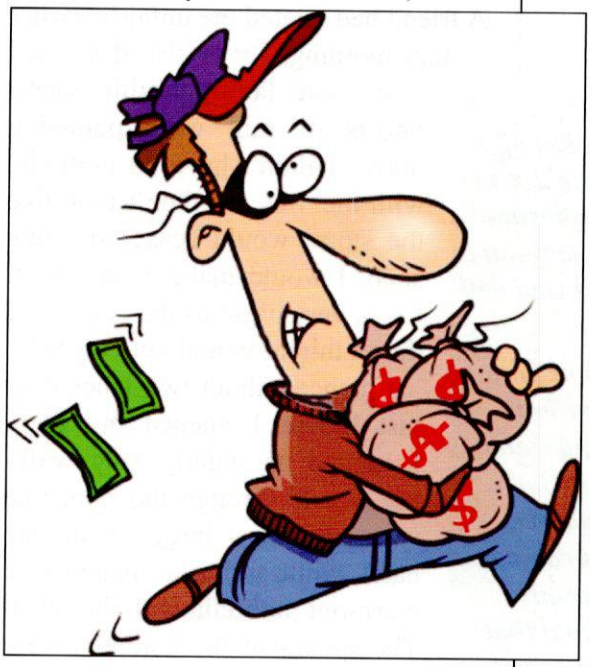
This is what happened. From earliest childhood I admired and wanted nice things. At first, pretty toys and games; later, fancy clothes and a car; then, the latest and best of household furnishings and gadgets. To get what I wanted was a very big thing in my life.

I didn't plan to be an embezzler. I didn't plan to steal. I didn't realize just what I was doing. In fact I thought I was a good Christian. Then it happened. Through our home devotions, our pastor's sermons, and our church's Every Member Visit, my eyes were really opened. I discovered that my life was badly out of line with the pattern of thankful living as a redeemed child of God. I was selfish. I was thinking too much of myself and my own pleasure.

I discovered I was buying many things without giving thought to whether it would serve me to God's glory. I was overly interested in me!

Next I discovered I had been taking money hand over fist ... not from my neighbor or friend; but, worst of all, from my God. To my amazement I actually discovered that I was not an owner at all. I was merely a manager of what God entrusted to me for a short period of time. I owned nothing. God permitted me to withdraw living expenses, but the rest I was to invest for God - this is what I learned. And anything else I spent on myself was drawn against "company" (God's) funds. No one had to tell me. I saw it for myself. I stood condemned. I had been an embezzler! ... and I didn't realize it.

My budget had revolved around the purchase and use of things - good things, nice things, profitable things - but things, nonetheless. I would work longer hours to get one added comfort after the other, but whether my income was $20,000 or



$40,000, the Lord could expect my usual $500 each year - and without thinking this through I thought this was generous. All the while, millions in the world were not hearing the message of salvation through the Savior.

There's no use kidding - I was an embezzler. But God in his grace and mercy opened my eyes. God awakened me out of my selfish stupor. Through God's Word and through my fellow Christians, God challenged me to share a first portion and a generous percentage of the financial blessings bestowed to me in the cause of his Kingdom. In love, God has chosen me to be a partner in the work of the church. No longer an embezzler, now a partner! I pray for continued grace and power that my present percentage for the

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All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care. Yes, you are a caretaker ... God's caretaker!

Showers of Blessings

I pulled into the parking lot and began to search for the closest parking place. I was surprised when one was available close to the front door of the grocery store. "Well, at least something is going right for a change," I thought, as I released my seat belt.

My heart was as overcast as the day. A friend had treated me unfairly earlier that morning. I was also depressed over some family health issues. Sheets of rain were pounding down. I didn't have an umbrella with me. Since it didn't look like the storm would cease any time soon, I would make a run for it. I was very close to the store, so I didn't think I would get very wet.

I glanced about two lanes over just before I opened my door. I spotted an elderly lady walking slowly through the rain. She was pushing a buggy with one hand, while trying to maneuver a worn-out umbrella with the other. The spokes of the umbrella were turned upward, accumulating water by the bucketfuls.

My heart went out to her. Without thinking, I ran through the rain toward her. "Get in your car," I shouted. "Give me your buggy. If you will unlock the passenger door, I will put your groceries inside for you. You don't need to get wet. You might get sick," I shouted.

She did exactly as I asked and then got into her car. I am certain I looked like a drenched rat standing there in the rain holding onto her buggy filled with groceries. Once she got the door opened, I placed the bags of groceries on the passenger seat.

"Have a great day!" I exclaimed to her, just before I shut the door. She

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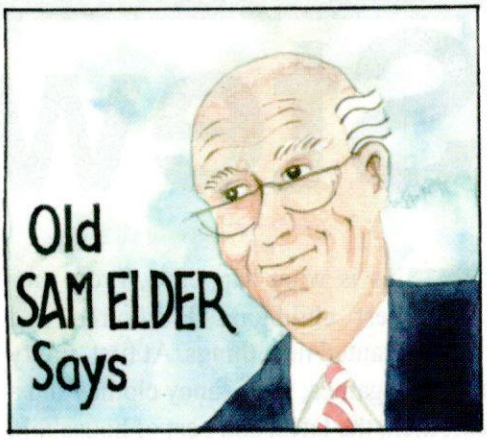
It is not a question of how reasonable it is to tithe. It is not a question of convenience. It is not a question of what God will do for us.

It is a question of faith in God as creator and owner of all things, and complete trust in God's providential promises. Every Christian can benefit by tithing because it makes more vital that faith, which surely has been tested before.



"Have you remembered the church in your Will?" Old Sam Elder asked of Ned Neighbors.

"I don't have a Will," replied Ned. "We have just one heir, our daughter Mary. She will get what's left after paying our bills."

"You have an easy situation," said old Sam. "It's not that simple!" Ned stated. "I can't stand Mary getting our money after we are gone and I'm darned if I'm going to hand it to her in a Will. That girl makes me so mad! "How come, Ned ?" asked old Sam.

"Mary is a spendthrift! She spends money she doesn't have or expect to have ... owes everybody. She sure didn't get that from Betsy or me. Man, she would go through our modest estate like a knife through hot butter!" Ned complained. "She justifies her spending by saying that she was so deprived as a child."

"Was she deprived?" Sam inquired.

"Never! But I know her problem. She loved horseback riding, but we couldn't afford to give her a horse of her own," Ned continued. "I'm tempted to leave her nothing, but Betsy says I can't do that; I must be forgiving."

"Betsy is right, of course," Sam counseled. "Please see a lawyer. There are several options to give to Mary, the church, or others, the portions you desire."

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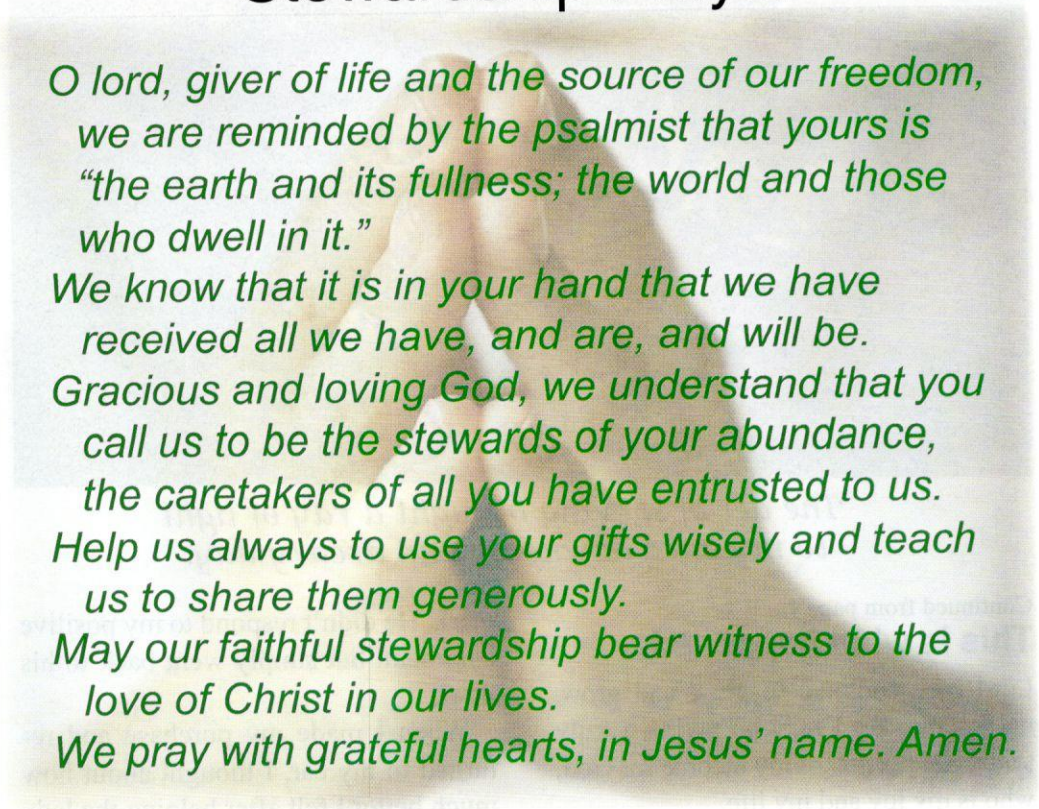
Stewardship Prayer



O lord, giver of life and the source of our freedom, we are reminded by the psalmist that yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."
We know that it is in your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be.
Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.
Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.
We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Steward of the Month

What a Couple!

Submitted by: Kathy, Falls City, NE

My story is about a great couple: Max and Norma Roland. They are always willing to help; holding offices, working the benefits, and sharing their time, talents and resources with many. Their Orphan Grain Train activities are many. They have time and again taken articles of clothing to the Orphan Grain Train sites in Lincoln and Norfolk, NE, and often work at the sites also.

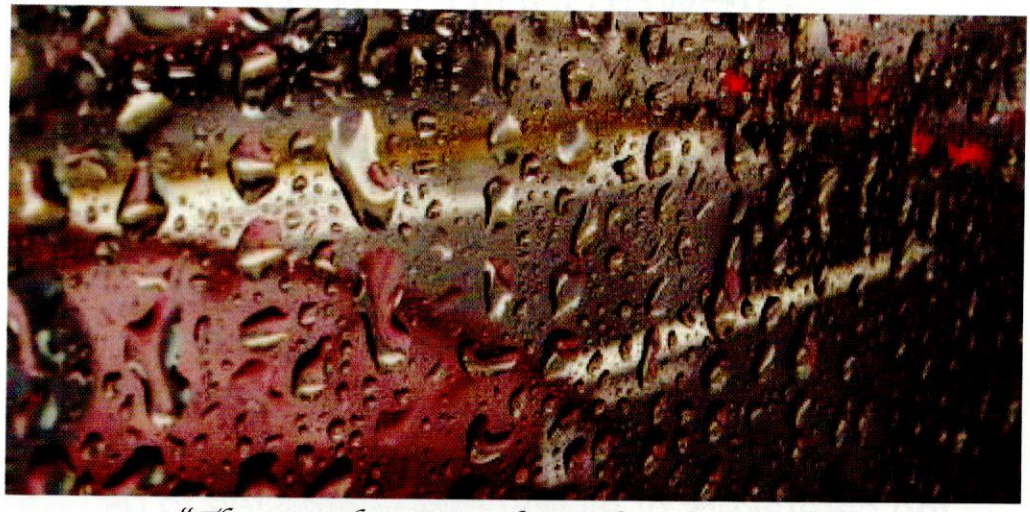
Max is the treasurer of our church and Norma is on the Stewardship Committee. Together they help raise awareness of stewardship in our congregation. Norma makes sure that there is a basket each quarter for missions. They are very active in our church and really tell people about missions and how to help.

Max and Norma stay incredibly busy ... just as most retired folks do! They are also quite active in LifeLight Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Adult Bible Study.

Max and Norma have both held several positions within these groups. They are never too busy to say "sure." We truly appreciate all the work these two do and I believe they deserve to sit down awhile and take a deep breath!

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away?

If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?



"The act of serving brought a ray of light to my once downcast and dreary day."

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This is what happened...

Lord may continue to grow and grow, until some day I may be giving a truly sacrificial portion of my income for God, who is my joy and my life.

This is my story.

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Showers of Blessings...

stared at me with amazement in her eyes.

"Hold on for a minute. I have never had anyone to do anything like this for me before. May God bless you abundantly," she uttered. I smiled and slowly walked off. Since I was already soaking wet, I didn't see much need to run to the store.

I went up to the service desk after entering the front door. Rainwater was dripping off my nose and my once-styled hair was limp in my face. The manager handed me a couple of paper towels.

"It is a horrible day, isn't it?" he proclaimed.

"Well actually, it has turned out to be a pretty good one," I announced. He looked at me rather strangely. I knew that he had no idea why I made that remark. He didn't respond to my positive comment, but simply went back to his work.

When I made my purchase and returned to my car, I thought about how much better I felt after helping the lady with her groceries. The act of serving brought a ray of light to my once downcast and dreary day. I made a promise to myself, as I drove the almost seventy miles home through the heavy rainfall that day. I decided that from that day forward, when I face storms in my life, I would look for someone else that had a need, which I could fill. I have found that it is through serving others that I have received tremendous blessings. That day, I received a much greater blessing than the elderly lady. I was given the opportunity to be of service to someone else.

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Old Sam Elder...

"You have convinced me," Ned told Sam. "Before I could make a Will, you had to give me the Will Power."

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Co-Responsabilidad

Mayo 2021

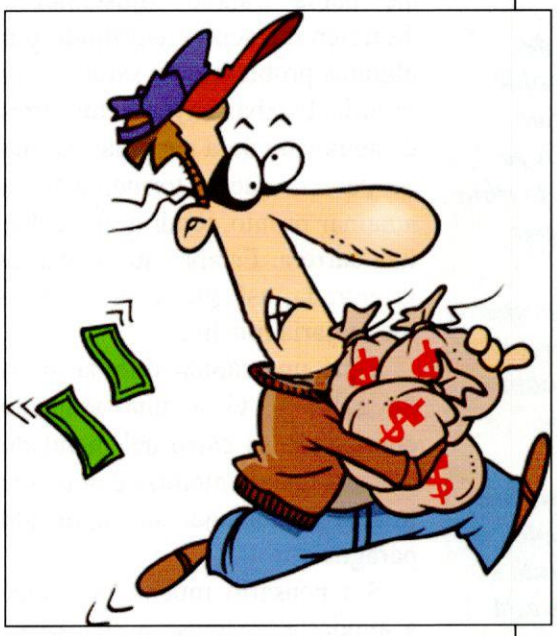
Esto fue lo que sucedió. Desde niña me gustaban y admiraba las cosas buenas –al principio, juguetes y juegos bonitos; después, ropa y carros de moda; y luego el mejor mobiliario y aparatos domésticos. Obtener lo que quería era lo principal en mi vida.

No planee convertirme en una desfalcadora. No planee robar. No me di cuenta de lo que hacía. De hecho creía ser una buena cristiana. Entonces fue cuando sucedió. Mediante nuestras devociones familiares, las homilías de nuestro pastor y la Visita a Todos los Miembros de nuestra iglesia, mis ojos se abrieron. Descubrí que mi vida transcurría muy alejada del modelo de vida de una hija redimida de Dios. Era egoísta. Pensaba demasiado en mí misma y en mi propio bienestar.

Descubrí que estaba comprando demasiadas cosas sin pensar si servían para la gloria de Dios. ¡Estaba demasiado interesada solo en mí!

Luego descubrí que había estado robando dinero…no a mi vecino ni a mis amigos, sino peor aún, a mi Dios. Para mi asombro, descubrí también que de hecho yo no era dueña de nada, sino una mera administradora de lo que Dios me había confiado por un tiempo limitado. No poseía nada. Aprendí que Dios me permitía extraer lo necesario para mi manutención, pero el resto debía invertirlo en Él. Y que todo lo demás que gastaba en mí misma, lo estaba extrayendo de fondos de la "compañía" (de Dios). Nadie tuvo que decírmelo. Yo lo vi por mí misma. Estaba condenada. ¡Había venido siendo una defraudadora! Y no me daba cuenta.

Mi presupuesto giraba en torno a comprar y usar cosas – cosas buenas, agradables, provechosas, pero al fin cosas. Trabajaba horas extras para poder



comprar una nueva comodidad tras otra, pero no importaba si mi ingreso era de $20,000 o de $40,000, mi Señor solo recibía los acostumbrados $500 al año, y sin pensarlo creía ser generoso. Mientras al mismo tiempo, millones de personas en el mundo no tenían la oportunidad de conocer el mensaje salvador de Cristo.

Fuera de bromas, yo era una desfalcadora. Pero Dios por su gracia y misericordia me abrió los ojos. Me sacó de mi estupor egoísta. A través de su Palabra y de mis condiscípulos cristianos, me lanzó el reto de donar para la causa de su reino un generoso porcentaje de la primera porción de las bendiciones financieras que me había concedido. Por su amor, Dios me ha escogido para ser su socia en la obra de su Iglesia. ¡Ya no una

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Todos somos administradores. Nada nos pertenece; todo le pertenece a Dios. No todos los hombres y mujeres se percatan de esto, pero los cristianos procuramos agradar a Dios en el uso de todo cuanto él ha puesto bajo nuestro cuidado. Sí, somos administradores… ¡administradores de Dios!

Aguacero de bendiciones

Entré al estacionamiento y empecé a buscar un buen lugar. Me sorprendí de encontrar uno muy cerca de la entrada del mercado. "Bueno, al menos parece que algo sale bien", pensé.

Mi corazón estaba tan nublado como el día. Esa mañana un amigo me había tratado injustamente. También me sentía deprimido por algunos problemas de salud en mi familia. Estaban cayendo torrentes de agua y no traía paraguas. Como no parecía que la tormenta fuera amainar pronto, tendría que echar una carrera. Estaba muy cerca de la entrada, así que pensé que no me mojaría mucho.

Eché una rápida mirada antes de salir, y vi a una viejecita empujando su carro del mandado con una mano, mientras con la otra trataba de manejar su vapuleado paraguas.

Sin pensarlo mucho me lancé a ayudarla. "Métase a su carro", le grité. "Si me abre la puerta del lado del pasajero, le acomodo los víveres. No debe mojarse, se puede enfermar".

Hizo lo que le dije y se metió a su auto. Seguramente yo parecía una rata empapada, ahí en medio de la lluvia manejando su carrito lleno de mandado. En cuanto abrió la puerta puse todos los víveres en el asiento.

"¡Que tenga muy buen día!" le dije antes de cerrar la puerta. Ella me miró sorprendida.

"Espere un momento", me dijo, "nunca nadie me había hecho un favor así. Que Dios lo bendiga abundantemente". Yo le sonreí y me retiré lentamente. Dado que ya estaba empapado, no le vi caso correr hacia la

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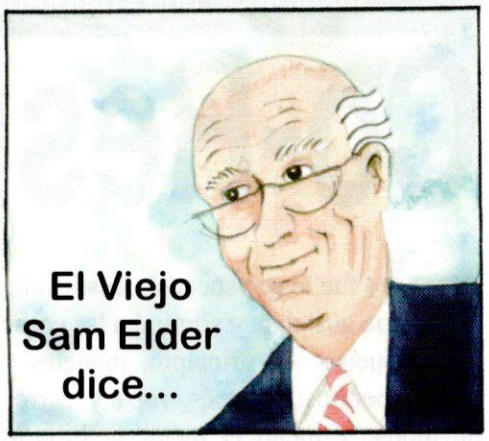
No es cuestión de qué tan razonable sea pagar el diezmo. No es una cuestión de conveniencia. No se trata de qué hará Dios por nosotros.

Es cuestión de nuestra fe en Dios como creador y dueño de todo cuanto existe, y de nuestra confianza en sus promesas providenciales. Todo cristiano puede beneficiarse pagando el diezmo, porque de esta forma revitaliza su fe, que seguramente ha sido sometida a otras pruebas.



"¿Has recordado a la Iglesia en tu testamento?" Le preguntó el viejo Don Samuel a Ned Neighbors.

"Yo no tengo testamento", le respondió Ned. "Solo tenemos una heredera, nuestra hija María. Ella se quedará con lo que quede luego de pagar nuestras cuentas".

"Tu situación es fácil", le comentó Don Samuel. "¡No es tan sencilla!" dijo Ned. "Puedo soportar la idea de que al morir nosotros, María se quede con nuestro dinero, pero me molesta entregárselo en un testamento. ¡Esta muchacha me hace tanto enojar!"

"¿Por qué, Ned?" preguntó Don Samuel.

"¡María es una gastalona! Gasta el dinero que no tiene o el que espera tener…le debe a todo mundo. Y eso no le viene ni de Betsy ni de mí. Y todo lo justifica diciendo que de niña tuvo muchas privaciones".

"¿Y las tuvo?" preguntó Don Samuel.

"¡Nunca! Pero yo conozco su problema. Le gustaba montar a caballo, pero nosotros no podíamos comprarle un caballo propio", continuó Ned. "Tengo la tentación de no dejarle nada, pero Betsy dice que no puedo hacer eso, que debo perdonar".

"Por supuesto que Betsy tiene razón", comentó Don Samuel. "Debes ver a un abogado. Hay varias opciones para que

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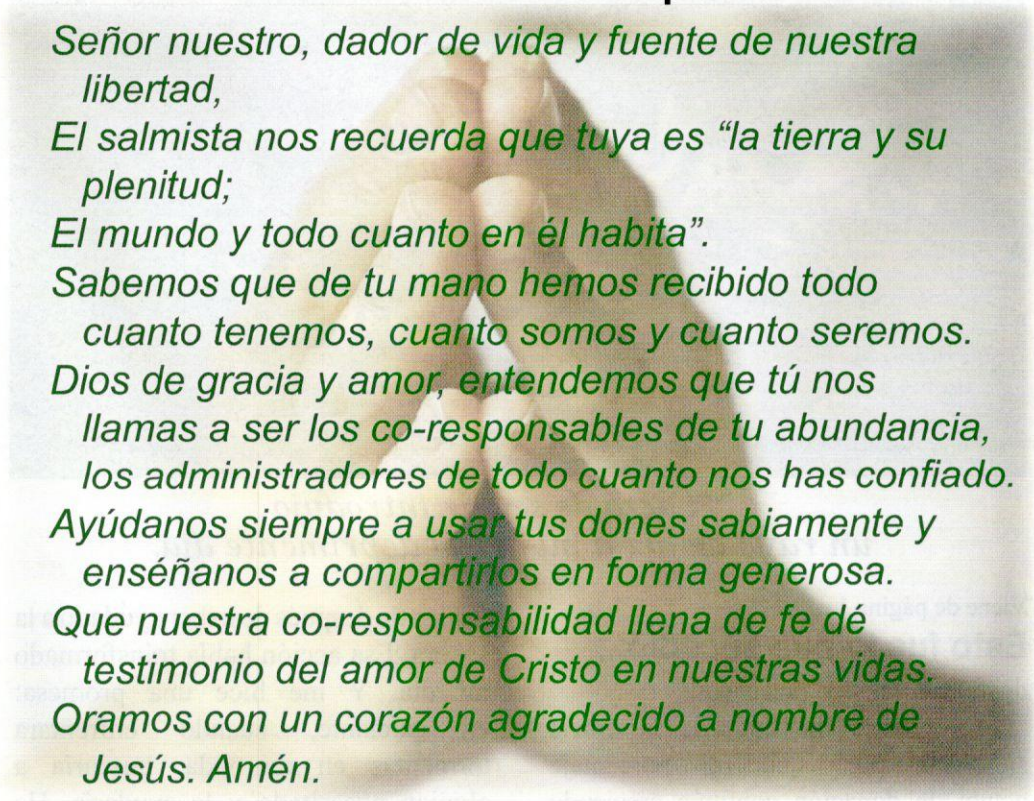
Oración del Co-responsable



Señor nuestro, dador de vida y fuente de nuestra libertad,
El salmista nos recuerda que tuya es "la tierra y su plenitud;
El mundo y todo cuanto en él habita".
Sabemos que de tu mano hemos recibido todo cuanto tenemos, cuanto somos y cuanto seremos.
Dios de gracia y amor, entendemos que tú nos llamas a ser los co-responsables de tu abundancia, los administradores de todo cuanto nos has confiado.
Ayúdanos siempre a usar tus dones sabiamente y enséñanos a compartirlos en forma generosa.
Que nuestra co-responsabilidad llena de fe dé testimonio del amor de Cristo en nuestras vidas.
Oramos con un corazón agradecido a nombre de Jesús. Amén.

Co-responsable del Mes

¡Qué pareja!

Enviado por: Kathy, Falls City, NE

Voy a hablarles de una pareja admirable: Max y Norma Roland. Ellos siempre están dispuestos a ayudar; asumiendo cargos, manejando fondos de beneficencia y compartiendo su tiempo, talento y recursos con mucha gente. Sus actividades de Orphan Grain Train son muchas. Innumerables veces han llevado artículos y ropa a los centros del Orphan Grain Train en Lincoln y Norfolk, NE, y con frecuencia trabajan en ellos.

Max es el tesorero de nuestra iglesia y Norma forma parte del Comité de Co-responsabilidad. Juntos ayudan mucho a elevar la conciencia de corresponsabilidad en nuestra congregación. Norma se asegura de que en cada salón haya siempre una canasta para las misiones. Son muy activos en nuestra iglesia, y siempre le informan a la gente sobre las misiones y cómo ayudarlas.

Max y Norma se mantienen siempre increíblemente ocupados… ¡al igual que la mayoría de las personas retiradas! También son muy activos en el Estudio Bíblico LifeLight y en el Estudio Bíblico de Hombres.

Tanto Max como Norma han ocupado diversas posiciones en estos grupos. Nunca están tan ocupados para no poder decir "seguro". Todos apreciamos mucho el trabajo que hacen estos dos, y creo que merecen ¡sentarse un ratito y tomarse un respiro!

Piensa en el tiempo como un don invaluable; toma conciencia de su incomparable valor y a esta luz examina tu conciencia. ¿Estás usando tu tiempo de acuerdo al plan de Dios, o lo estás dilapidando?

Si el día de mañana nunca fuera a llegar, ¿qué harías hoy por Dios?

"El acto de servir introdujo un rayo de luz a mi gris y deprimente día."

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Esto fue lo que sucedió...

desfalcadora, sino una socia!

Oro porque me conceda la gracia suficiente para que mi porcentaje actual de donación continúe creciendo diariamente, hasta que un día llegue a dar una porción verdaderamente sacrificial de mis ingresos a Dios, que es mi vida y mi alegría.

Esta es mi historia.

me sentía después de haber ayudado a la señora. Esa acción había transformado mi día. Y me hice una promesa: en adelante, cuando enfrentara tormentas en mi vida, buscaría a alguien necesitado y le ayudaría. He descubierto que sirviendo a otros he recibido tremendas bendiciones. Aquel día recibí una bendición mucho mayor que la viejecita. Tuve la oportunidad de serle útil a otra persona.

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tienda.

Al entrar me fui al mostrador de servicio. Por mi nariz escurría agua y mi cabello, antes bien peinado, lo tenía untado sobre la cara. El gerente me dio un par de toallas de papel.

"¡Qué día tan horrible! ¿verdad?", exclamó.

"Bueno, en realidad se ha transformado en un día bastante bueno", le respondí. Me miró en una forma un tanto extraña. Yo sabía que no se imaginaba porqué lo decía.

Cuando regresé a mi auto luego de hacer mis compras, pensé lo bien que

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El Viejo Sam Elder...

les puedas dar a María, a la Iglesia y a otros, las porciones que desees".

"Me has convencido", le dijo Ned a Don Samuel. "Antes de que pudiera hacer mi testamento, tenías que darme la voluntad de hacerlo".

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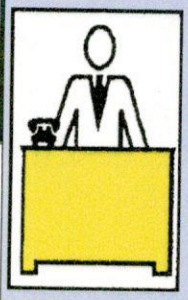

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